

The WEEKLY REPORT

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P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

"We're back"! That's the message echoing out of our radio sets, this week, as **Laser Hot Hits 576**, achieves the impossible and 'returns to your radios'. The happenings of the last ten days, culminating in the return of Laser, must be the biggest 'slap in the face' any Government could ever receive. How much longer will they continue with their narrow minded attitude towards radio in this country. Can't they see that something is wrong and that the present system needs drastic modification? Maybe they will, when they see audience figures for BBC and ILR stations in the South East, slump, alarmingly, because they will if Laser only repeats what it did first time around. We wish them all the very best and hope that they are even more successful this time.

Another 'bumper pack' envelope this week. Apologies to readers in Eire and other EEC countries, who will receive their report unsealed. This is due simply to the extra weight forcing postal charges sky high. In order to check the contents, you should receive 1. The report...2. 2 sheets of cuttings...3. a Christmas card. There is no 'hand-out'(advertising sheet), this week, due to the explanation above, and we must apologise to those who have paid for such, for the current week. These will appear, as normal, next week.

WEEKLY REPORT AND CUTTINGS is posted each week, at the following rates.....

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| U.K. FIRST CLASS, 35p..... | U.K. SECOND CLASS, 30p..... |
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Subscriptions will be accepted for as many weeks as required.

NEW MERCHANDISE. A set of five colour photographs featuring the inside of 'The New Laser', aboard the m.v. Communicator. This latest package, to be called **The "LASER - WE'RE BACK" Set**, to avoid confusion with earlier sets, features shots of the studios, loading coil, transmitters, mess room and a general shot of the domestic area, (showing just how spick and span the ship now really is). The price is £2.50 for this set of 'Jumbo' prints.

NEW ARRIVALS. The latest edition of the **CM Bulletin** (No. 31) is now available. It comes complete with CM's latest sales list, now entitled **CM Leisure** and covering, in addition to free radio memorabilia, such items as pop books and rock videos. The bulletin has 56 pages(you have to actually count them!), packed with stories, reports and many in-depth articles. A number of photos are also featured. The magazine is only available from the Caroline Movement, BCM - BRFM, London WC1N 3XX. Subscriptions cost £6.00(U.K.) and £9.00(overseas). Plenty to read here, recommended.....**Now Radio**, Issue 15, arrived as promised, first thing Tuesday last, and contains 24 pages this time. Lots to read here, too, all types of U.K. and Irish radio covered. A sample copy can be obtained for £1.00 from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 0NW.....**Play - DX**, Issue 438, arrived as usual, and contains 6 x A4 sides. Lots of logs here, along with Italian text. Details about the magazine, from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....**Short Wave Newsletter**, Issue 4 (23rd Nov.). 6 x A4 sides here, too, in English. Pirates stations covered. SWN would like to hear from any short wave radio station, with programme schedules or information for the free radio guide. Available at 60p, from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.

TAPE OFFER. Following tremendous success with tapes 1 - 6 inc. Our fourth week of tape offers brings tapes 7 and 8. And guess what we've got for this week!....That's right, the return of **LASER HOT HITS 576**. Tape 7 features the station on it's day of return(about 30 minutes after audio first commenced), from 20:10 until 21:10. Tape 8 follows this, until 22:10. Tape 7 commences during a series of Offshore station jingles, followed by the first taped announcements, promos etc., then into the first live programme at 21:00 with John 'Rock and Roll' Anthony. Both tapes are C.60's, not air-checked, and are recorded mainly in Harwich, hence the quality is very good(apart from one or two isolated incidents which occurred on board). The price, as always, is £2.00 per tape.(£4.00 for the two).

GENERAL. A number of people took us up on our offer of ready made Loop/Frame aerials, in the week. They must have been well pleased to have such an item, seeing as Laser returned. Demand, particularly from areas North of the Midlands, is expected to increase, and we are pleased to say that we still have a number, ready made and packaged for instant despatch. The cost is £25.00 and pre Christmas delivery is guaranteed, as long as we receive your order soon. Please do note, however, these excellent aerials will not improve the signal at night very much. Granted, they will amplify what is there, as they always do, but at night, with all the continent zooming in, the improvement will not be all that wonderful. Daylight hours, though, and it is a different story, with stations being received, not normally audible. Amaze yourself this Christmas, become a 'loop' owner, you won't regret it for one minute.

Our thanks to all who kindly ordered goods early, further to our plea last week. Please, once again, don't be disappointed this Christmas,

order now, and beat the annual 'postal snarl up'.

ADVERT. AM - FM Telecommunications Ltd., suppliers and installers of Radio Broadcasting Equipment. Latest catalogue (November '86) now available from Dave Reddy, Dept A-UK, 29 Durham Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4, Eire. A number of discounts currently on offer. Customers include Energy(Dublin), Boyneside (Drogheda), Signal(Athlone), WKLR(Bandon), Luimni(Limerick), Erne Side(Cavan), WBEN(Cork), KLAS(Dublin), Centre(Cork) and Capitol(Dublin).
RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.

DUBLIN. Energy 103: Alan Burns(Dave Andrews of Caroline fame) has been noted each evening, standing in for the holidaying John O'Hara. Other than that, the line up has remained more or less the same, except for the latter end of the week, when Tony McKenzie was noted on air, at times other than scheduled. Liam Quigley was noted up to midnight, and Gerry Stevens, not at all. In fact, it has been suggested that Gerry may well have left. Mike Kingston is on the all night shift, as we thought and Tony Allan's voice is noted regularly, despite being heard, live, in Cork the previous week. We have been informed that the station has been redecorated and the red doors are now the outstanding feature. Christmas decorations here, include wrapping the whole cosy looking building in red ribbon, along with calling card and Christmas wishes. This certainly sounds very interesting and maybe one of our Dublin readers will pop along and take a photo for us. We may even have time to re-produce same in a "WR" before Christmas.

Sunshine 101: A number of letters in, say they like the current format, but find the lack of record title announcements, annoying. As regards the signals, 531, like here, is good during the day, in central Ireland, but poor at night, 846 is poor during the day, but better at night. Reception of the 101.5MHz. is greatly improved and about the same signal strength as that of Q 102's 103.5MHz. transmitter.

KLAS 98: Several people have reported that "Dublin's only easy listening station" is sounding rather pleasant and looks like being quite successful. An excellent stereo signal on 98.5MHz. is reported.

CORK. Radio ERI: Not a lot to report here, except to say that the only bit of excitement was that Tony Allan was heard reading news last Saturday but one(22nd Nov.). He was also responsible for some promotional work noted, including a new 'ERI says "no, to drugs" promo. The two or three heard, basically told of the effect of abusing various types of drugs. Current line up here reads....mid-morning, Chris Barry. Afternoon, George Talbot. Early evening, Pam Wilson. Late evening till early morning, ex VOP presenter, Mark Edwards. On news, Katie Johnston and Joe O'Reilly.

WBEN: More happening here, it seems. Nick Richards and Neil Francis have returned to England. They are reported to be returning after Christmas, but this is doubted locally. The station has returned to the Cook Street studios, following its stint of broadcasting from the transmitter site for a short period. Apparently, the old South Coast Radio FM transmitter is now being used, on 98.0MHz. with about 70 watts, in stereo. Present line up reads....07:00 Tony Black. 11:00 Rob Allen. 14:00 Steve O'Neill. 18:00 Bob Stokes. 22:00 Tony Lewis. 02:00 Scott Shannon(spinning). Weekenders include Brian Hughes and Steve Miller. The station is currently promoting a £1,000 cash giveaway for Christmas. The voice of Keith York can be heard on same. The usual three songs will be played, after which, the 50th caller on (021) 273948, wins the cash.

Co. LONGFORD: Independent Radio Longford have been noted on 864kHz. AM. This is in addition to their FM outlet on 99.0MHz. It commenced on Saturday 29th November, and is being announced as 347m. Programme content is mainly pop and MOR, although some Irish country shows are aired at certain times.

Co. CAVAN: Tests on 107.0MHz., from Erne Side Community Radio, mentioned recently, seem to have ceased, it was reported and had not been heard since Sunday 23rd November. However, they are once again back, and were noted yesterday. The station continues normally on 1251kHz.

Breaffni Community Radio: The station, not heard as much at present here, due to conditions, continues, we are told, on 1170kHz., and 96.0 and 103.9MHz.(link)FM. Advertising is fairly heavy and will continue this way till after the holiday.

Co. MONAGHAN. Big 'M' Community have returned at long last, on 1413kHz. This is in addition to the excellent

signal on 954kHz. and the FM outlets. The 1413kHz. transmitter is switched off most nights at 23:40, although the others continue 24 hours per day.

Co. DONEGAL: Radio North is easily audible here during daylight hours, on 1404kHz. Also, early morning and late evening listening via the skip is possible, and quite pleasant at times. Heard this week have been both Mark Warner in the morning and Ian Akers, later in the day. We understand that a further move of channel is planned in the not too distant future.

SLIGO: According to a caller to the Radio West free radio programme, today, there is no station on air in Sligo town. However, on the same programme last week, it was stated that there was. A letter in from Chris in Sligo, during the week, tells us that Westside Radio is the new station, and it has been operating since 15th November, on 97.5MHz. FM mono, playing country and western, and popular music, daily from 09:00 until 18:00. The audio is reported as being loud, but often becomes distorted. A couple of read out adverts have been noted, one for Quincey's Pub and one for The Bective Pub and Restaurant. We also have a report of a new station in the town on 1143kHz, using 500Watts, which apparently started tests on Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, due to Radio Carousel having just moved to the same frequency, reception here is impossible.

GALWAY: News in from this quarter, tells us that W.L.S. Music Radio International have moved to a new location, nearer the city centre, in a large office block, with a very high standard of appointment. Apparently, it is centrally heated and is possibly the most comfortable office/studio facility of any radio station, and most certainly up to the standard of an ILR station. The station have re-located their FM transmitter and it is now to be found on 103.0MHz. The reason for this being to avoid activity by RTE in the middle of the band. Apparently RTE are expecting a virtual plethora of 'hobby' pirates, and part time stations, to come on in Galway, for Christmas. RTE no doubt, plan to make the FM band a very uncomfortable place for these stations. A number of giveaways and competitions are current on WLS, and, along with a new jingle package, is making the station sound as fresh as a daisy, continues the report.

WLS MUSIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL

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Telephone: 64422/64449

THE SOUTH WEST: Radio West report hearing Stereo Radio Munster on 98.3MHz. The station carried adverts for Limerick, but is apparently located in the Ormond Hotel, in Nenagh(home of Radio Ormond, some years back). It seems they also have a transmitter on 828kHz.

Although no news of the next two stations, we have kindly been sent a couple of hand-outs, which we will reproduce below. They are for South West Community Radio, the station which emerged from WRKY, in Killarney, the other is for Horizon Radio in Killorglin.



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THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news at all from Israel, this week.
LASER 'HOT HITS'. Following our opening sentence, in last week's report, we indeed only had to wait until the following evening, before we heard those 'hot hits' emanating from our 'wireless sets'. At our location, we had been scanning the band throughout Monday, 1st December, (as well as earlier in the week), looking for the transmissions promised in the Press Release, which we printed in our last issue. Despite claims by the IBA, who were mentioned in one newspaper, as having heard tests the previous week, we believe that no broadcasts had occurred from the m.v. Communicator, up until this time. Paying particular attention to 576kHz, we noted nothing all day, Monday, until after 17:00, when the characteristic of the signals on the channel altered somewhat. It was as though there was another transmitter mixing, with the already two strong German stations, on that frequency. We did not think anything of this however, as at times like these, you tend to hear things that are not actually there. At about 19:30 we received a telephone call from R.I. Woodward of Colne, informing us that he could hear 'Laser blasts', and the song 'Thank You For the Music' (the sign off music of the former Laser 558), all but weakly, on 576kHz. We instantly tuned in to it, and there it was. Unfortunately, by this time, reception was virtually impossible due the large amount of foreign interference, so we are grateful to Alan and Ian, both who kindly sent us recordings, of those first couple of hours. (See this weeks tape offer) In fact, special thanks to everyone who bothered to phone and tell us (even though, we later went out to celebrate), and to those who kindly sent in recordings of same. At those early stages, the continuous music was played, interrupted by the Laser blasts, and several old 'Offshore Radio' jingles, including ones from Radio Caroline, Radio Veronica, 'Swinging' Radio England, Radio London, Radio North Sea and Laser 558..... Then at about 20:15, a familiar voice, presumably on tape, announced that 'Laser was back', and that these were test transmissions for 'Laser Hot Hits'. At 21:00; a long promotion tape, (by Bill Mitchell of deep voice fame), was aired, also telling us that Laser was back, and what to listen out for in the future, when the new schedule was announced. Our first taste, of a 'live' voice on air, came shortly after 21:05, when an extremely fast and confident American accent flowed out of the speaker. Calling himself John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony, he immediately thanked the engineers, John, James and Mike, for getting the station on the air, and proceeded to host the 'return' programme, until an announced closedown, at one minute past midnight. Again the signal here in Blackpool was non-existent, up until about 10 minutes before the closedown, when it suddenly appeared extremely strong, until the transmitter left the air. (On high power perhaps??) An address was immediately read out, and was plugged throughout the night. It is : Laser Radio, Suite 3600, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, United States.

On Monday we had our first chance to listen to the 're-born' Laser, and once again, the show was hosted by John 'Rock n'Roll', until about 12:00. As with the previous night, he continued to mention that he was the only one on board, so we would be hearing a lot from him during the coming few days. He also continued promoting the 'Laser is Back' T-shirt, which is apparently available from the New York address. He said, that the management had told him, that if they sold one million T-Shirts, then they would not have to advertise, so we could have more music per hour. At about 11:30 on the same day, John Anthony, said that the Captain was now sailing the ship along the Knock Deep, and that they would shortly be circling Radio Caroline. He finished his show at mid-day, however, so we did not get to hear much about this encounter 'live on air'. Continuous music was then played until 13:25, when the station left the air. It was not until about 19:30, that we heard the station again, but with much reduced signal strength. In fact, even in Harwich, the foreign station could be heard interfering with Laser. Yet again, John 'Rock n'Roll', hosted the programme, and kept mentioning, that when the Communicator circled the Ross Revenge, earlier in the day, they could only see 'down' faces on board, and that no-one was smiling. He even gave out Radio Caroline's, New York address, in order that listeners should write in, and ask the D.J.'s on the ship, to cheer up a bit!

After the first two days of tests, things seemed to settle down a bit, with John Anthony coping very well with the rough weather, and hosting each morning from 06:00 until about 10:00, and again in the evening for a few hours after 18:00. Several breaks have occurred, for aerial adjustments, although normally for periods less than one hour. The rest of the day, has normally been filled with continuous music, along with station i.d.'s on the hour, with the occasional weather forecast being read, by one of two very familiar voices. At midday, on Wednesday, the location of the Communicator was announced as being 3½ miles east of Long Sand Beacon. On Friday at 16:00, the exact location of the ship was given out, as a navigational aid, to passing vessels. Their exact position at that time was : 51°42'32" North, 1°35'35" East.

On Saturday morning, a brief test between 08:25 and 08:55, was followed by more tests, later in the morning, with the power varying a lot at our location. During mid-afternoon, a new voice was heard, Paul Dean, who was last heard on Laser 558. He hosted a show until 18:00, when as promised, Andrew Turner made an appearance with a show until 20:00. Yet another new D.J., calling himself K.C. (or Casey?), was heard between 20:00 and 22:00, when John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony returned to the air. At midnight, our 'familiar' engineer took to the air until closedown at 01:00.

Sunday was the big, opening day, which we believe began at 06:00 with Paul Dean hosting this opening show until 10:00. Then David Lee Stone took over (on tape?) with 'Motown Magic', for two hours. K.C. then presented a show until 14:00, when an Elvis special was aired. Andrew Turner was heard also, but only reading the news on the hour. At the time of writing John Anthony is currently on the air.

The station certainly started with a bang, with masses of advertisements being heard in the first few hours, along with competitions, and lots of other promotions. Commercials have already

been heard for Susan Linsey Design Wear, Music Master Catalogue, Ski Plan Communicator Club Holidays, Sunday Sports Magazine, Motown Magic L.P., Hot Mix '86 L.P., and 'Hot Hits' NFL Football Catalogue. Anti-drug promotions have also been aired several times today. Subscriptions for the presumably re-vamped Communicator Club, are now £10, and include free poster, along with stickers, and discount from offers advertised on the station. Competitions to win one of a hundred copies of a Pop Music Trivia Game have been aired throughout the day. Winners are to be announced at the end of December, prior to Christmas.

CAROLINE. Unfortunately, due to all the happenings, just a short distance away, on both the band, and the sea, not much time has been spent listening to Radio Caroline these last few days. The line-up throughout the week, appears to have been the same as we left it last Friday, following the staff changes. That is : 05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Dave James...13:00 John Dwyar...17:00 Richard Jackson...21:00 Caroline Martin...01:00 Keith Lewis. Due to poor signals in the early hours, we have not been able to log, every night, so are not sure of the current sign off times.

There have been a number of breaks in transmissions this week, a notable one being when the Communicator was sailing close by, on Tuesday lunchtime. This close-down of all three stations (Laser at 13:25, Caroline and Monique about 13:00) seemed to cause some alarm in some quarters, in fact, was reported on in some of the press. We even marvelled at the thought that Laser may return on 558 and Caroline of 576! But no, at 15:44, both 558 and 963 came back with carrier only. At 15:46, Monique station i.d.'s were heard on 963, followed by a return to normal programmes. At 15:47, the Caroline bell was heard on 558, the theme tune was played, and a Beatles tune to recommence normal programmes there. The station was off the air most of the weekend. At 09:30 on Saturday, Dave James announced that they would be leaving the air for essential aerial maintenance, only possible during daylight hours. They were off all the air all day, and only some religious programming was noted in the evening, very weak on 963kHz. The 558kHz service was heard again here, this morning, with Mark Matthews on breakfast. Also today, the station left the air suddenly, at about 12:15, and had not returned at the time of writing. One listener commented, that the signal strengths on both channels, was larger this morning, following the maintenance carried out yesterday.

A new 558 Travel jingle has been heard this week. No new commercials have been aired at the times we have listened. News has been read by various D.J.'s this week. Both John Dwyar and John Tyler have been heard on the morning news, with John Tyler also trying his hand, once again, at 'Beat the Intro', on the headlines on the half hour. Richard Jackson has been heard on the lunchtime news each week. The afternoon bulletins have been read by Mark Matthews, and we believe also by John Tyler on some days. Since the arrival of Laser Hot Hits, John Dwyar has been heard announcing Caroline as "the station at the top of the dial".

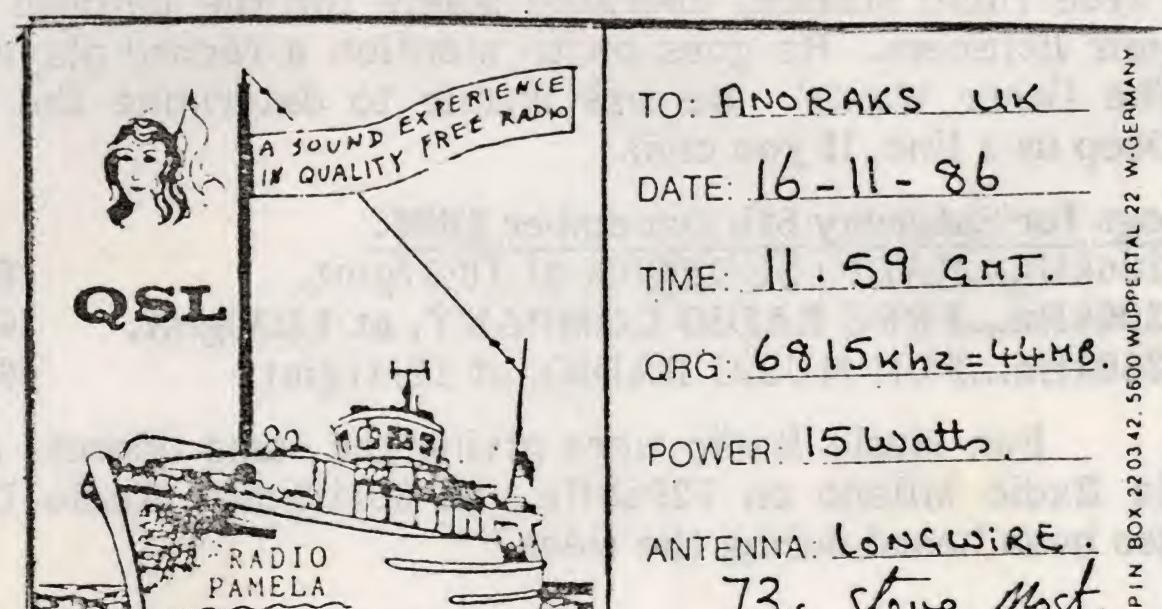
On Monique, we are told by Clive in East Sussex, the current presenters, as of the beginning of last week, are Jan Veldkamp, Wim de Valk, Herbert Fisher, Erwin van de Bleak. These four have no doubt, relieved the three mentioned in last week's issue. One or two new adverts have been noted, including a Gene Pitney L.P. John Dwyar has been heard with International News at 08:25.

LAND - BASED STATIONS.

LIVERPOOL. We seem to be going through a period of few stations on Merseyside. This happens every so often, then they is a surge with a great number heard. However, this past week has seen just Radio Merseywaves with their excellent signal and four day weekend schedule, on 1242kHz. The station appeared to go 24 hours last weekend, although this is only reports, as we did not log it ourselves. Normally, they operate from about 14:00 Friday till midnight and 08:00 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, until midnight or after. Heavy exposure seems to be given to a RMW night-out at Atmospheres Discotheque on 15th December. Listeners are also being invited to write in with what type of music they really wish to hear.

No other stations from this area have been logged this week, but we understand from Tim Jackson, who mentions it in his report of last week, that, Radio Veronica made a brief low powered appearance last Sunday afternoon. They were explaining why they were not doing normal transmissions. The only other stations Tim mentions last week, are Central Radio Int., on 1404kHz., last Saturday and Sunday, and Concept Radio, on 104.3MHz., last Sunday.

At 15.39 last Sunday, the BBC Radio Lancashire announcer on 103.9MHz., said that the station was having problems with their signal, due to "a pirate radio station, who are surrounding us, and attempting to take over our frequency". He did not say which frequency, and on checking all frequencies in the Liverpool area, nothing untoward was found at all. So, the report remains a mystery.



THE MIDLANDS: As usual in recent months, only PCRL has been heard in this area, again on 103.5MHz. An item in a news programme, in the Shropshire area, stated that a Sunshine Television would be on the air over the Christmas period.

LEEDS. Action once again, in West Yorkshire, after several months of silence. After a long period with mostly, just a blank carrier evident, a station called **ABC Radio** took to the air, on 94.5MHz., on Friday evening. The station seems to be playing soul/reggae/rapping type music, and has been heard locally, most of the weekend. The signal is covering the city adequately. Adverts for a couple of shops have been noted.

LONDON. Steven in Chingford, tells us that in WR 135, we mentioned an Unid., on 88.9MHz. **RFM Rock Radio** operates around this part of the band, every Sunday evening, from 18:00 till 22:00. He tells us that it is an excellent rock service, and a good replacement for Alice's Restaurant who do seem to have closed down.

Today, in London, the following stations were logged, **WBLS** on 88.5MHz., **TKO** on 90.5MHz., **LWR** on 92.1MHz., **KISS FM** on 94.0MHz., **Starpoint** on 94.2MHz., **People's Choice** on 103.6MHz., **Solar 93 FM**, on 93.0MHz. and **LGR**, on 105.1MHz. TKO, LWR and Starpoint had all dissapeared by mid morning, possibly signifying DTI activity, following a rather quiet inactive spell. Later on in the day, SSM reported that nothing could be heard at all, on the FM band. Many of the above stations could be heard throughout the week also, along with **Time Radio** on 103.7MHz. and **JBC** on 104.8MHz. On Tuesday evening, a **Radio Reflection** were heard on 94.0MHz. On Wednesday morning, around breakfast time, an unidentified station was heard on 92.8MHz., possibly calling itself **WKLR**. This station was also heard on Thursday evening and did identify as such. On Friday, around this frequency, a **Hits 93 FM** was heard, with a female American voice. This station continued until Saturday morning, when it was apparently blotted out by Solar 93 FM.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS

There was one amendment to last week's log, from SSM, who tell us that on 6780kHz., Orania Nederland was logged at 10:20gmt. Also we failed to mention that FMTR carried out a Saturday evening test on 6319kHz., from 20:00 till 23:30. The signal was logged by one of our reporters.

Radio Pamela tell us that they may be off the air for the next few weeks, due to moving the medium wave studio and transmitter. However, they will try and put out something on 6815kHz., in the 44m band, from a temporary transmitter site, in the meantime.

Podney tells us that he has received QSL's etc., from Radio Pacman, and that the operator is the same person who operated Radio Hotel Amigo, who goes on to say that Radio Pacman is purely and simply a free radio station, operated solely for the purpose of friendship between the free radio stations and their listeners. He goes on to mention a record played on Caroline recently, by a group, possibly called 'The Other Wants'. He was unable to determine the title, but wonders if any other listeners can help. (Drop us a line, if you can).

Logs for Saturday 6th December 1986.

6206kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 10:37gmt.
6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 12:30gmt.
6260kHz...FUN MUSIC RADIO, at 12:41gmt.

Fun Music Radio were giving the same address as Radio Sovereign. Radio Scorpio were also heard via Radio Milano on 7295kHz., at 08:46gmt. Radio Dublin on 6910 and Radio Orion on 6280kHz. have also been heard during the week.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's log.....

3465kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:02gmt.
6206kHz...POGO 104, at 09:27gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 10:56gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 11:01gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO SANDMAN, at 11.15gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO TORENVALK, at 12:11gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM.,at 11:51
6261kHz...UNID., at 08:48gmt. & 09:23gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 10:17gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 11:57gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:46gmt.
6270kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 11:48gmt.
6270kHz...UNID., at 13:15gmt.(Radio 48?).
6276kHz...RADIO NORMAAL, at 10:04gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:40gmt.
6285kHz...SUMMER RADIO '86, at 09:45gmt.
6290kHz...RADIO DUTCHBOY, at 11:00gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO UNIVERSUM, at 10:33gmt.
6296kHz...UNID.(Radio Sovereign?), at 12:48.
6300kHz...STARBOARD SOUND, at 11:35gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND, at 13:45gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R. at 12:00gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 11:28gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 12:03gmt.

Conditions today were not particularly good, especially early on, although did improve mid morning. The 7MHz. band was particularly bad, and no stations were logged. Logs in bold type are ours, here in Blackpool. Others are from reporters in Kent, The Midlands, Manchester and Blackpool.

The Radio Tonair address was given out as P.O. Box 21, 7000 Gaanderen, Holland. The unidentified station on 6261kHz. was giving out an address in Utrecht, and was possibly Starfleet Radio. Westside Radio stated that they would be testing next Sunday, at 07:30gmt., on 11463kHz., in the 25m band. Radio Ireland stated that they were using new amplifiers, and wanted reports on the quality of their signal, which, when we listened here, was excellent. Conspicuous by their absence today, was Radio Rainbow Int., although it was reported that last week, the station was heard on FM, in the Co. Louth area, on 96.5MHz.

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Podney tells us that he has received QSL's etc., from Radio Pacman, and that the operator is the same person who operated Radio Hotel Amigo, who goes on to say that Radio Pacman is purely and simply a free radio station, operated solely for the purpose of friendship between the free radio stations and their listeners. He goes on to mention a record played on Caroline recently, by a group, possibly called 'The Other Wants'. He was unable to determine the title, but wonders if any other listeners can help. (Drop us a line, if you can).

6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:23gmt.
6293kHz...P.F.B.S., at 10:19gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:08gmt.

THE WEEKLY REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

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P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

After the excitement of last week and the return of Laser, this week has seemed distinctly quiet, despite having two offshore stations to log. The Christmas rush seems to be in full swing and already, delays are being noted with the post, particularly with second class items. However, we don't seem to be faring too badly at all and would like to thank everyone who kindly ordered things, just that little bit earlier, in order to ensure delivery in good time for the occasion. With Christmas and New Year, both falling late mid week, there will be no alteration to our normal schedules, that is "WR" will be published on 21st and 28th December, and 4th January, as usual. A number of stations, mostly land-based and short wave, have plans for special broadcasts on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and whilst a number have notified us of these, we should be grateful if any others, with similar plans, could drop us a line and tell us, in order that we can print same for the benefit of our readers. You can telephone us if you wish, on (0253) 882017. The telephone is manned most times, but you may have to be prepared to leave a message, as pressure of business at this time is rather great.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Just one item new this week, the latest edition of the Dutch magazine, **OFFSHORE, Issue 40**(Winter 1986). A5 format, 44 pages, all glossy, which makes the black and white photos reproduce rather well. The text is half in Dutch and half in English and there are lots of excellent photos from the offshore scene. Price is as always £1.60, and we do have a number of back copies still in stock.....We are still well stocked with most items, despite the great demand at this time of the year, apart from the video, "A Day in the Life of Radio Caroline". This is currently out of stock. We have been assured by EAP that further supplies will be available some time after the weekend, which will ensure that the orders outstanding will be fulfilled before Christmas. Loop frame aerials have been selling as they have never sold before, possibly due to Laser being back, and not on particularly high power, hence the need for one. We have worked late most nights producing even more units, in order not to disappoint anyone, and we still have just a few in hand. Providing we get your order very quickly, we can probably still get one to you, posted first class, before the holiday. If anyone is in any doubt about what we have in stock, or whether they will receive it before Christmas, call us on the telephone, during office hours, and we will assist you in every way we can.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just **Radiotex**, Issue 88, this week. Eight x A5 pages of news and information from the world of short wave. Well worth taking if you are into the SW scene. Send us 40p, and we will send you a sample copy, along with subscription details, in order to get regular supplies.

TAPE OFFER. This week, we offer tapes 9 and 10 for your listening pleasure. Tape 9 features **WTRG - FM** from Rocky Mount, Raleigh, North Carolina. Recorded on 3rd December, the show

features none other than ex Laser, Capital, Nova presenter, Jessie Brandon! Tape 10 features **WBLS - FM** from New York. This one is a soul/black music station and this recording was made on 2nd November last. Both tapes are C.90's and as usual, will cost you just a mere £2.00 each(£4 for the two), including postage and packing.

We have noticed a certain pattern forming with these tape offers. The same people buy them each week and prefer certain types of radio. If you have any specific choice of radio, you would like to see us offer, please tell us and we will endeavour to make your choice an offer at some future time. Once we get about three months of offers in hand, we shall list them and offer them for sale to new members, as they join our ranks.

GENERAL. It has certainly been a bit hectic these last couple of weeks, and we must thank everyone who has assisted us in our attempts to bring you the full run down of happenings out on the North Sea. We cannot manage alone, despite being able to hear the station during daylight hours, and we do depend on a lot of people for the newspaper cuttings, photos and further reports and recordings. A big thank you to everyone in the South East. A letter in during the week, from Penelope Page, Editor of Monitor magazine, tells a similar story.....she is having problems monitoring both Caroline and Laser and writing a magazine. Laser loggers are required urgently and reports can be sent to Monitor at 31 Avondale Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1EH. Penelope goes on to say that a rumour currently circulating, suggests that Monitor 35 is out now. This is not so. Monitor 35 will not be out until February, at the earliest. Penelope has little time(or money, for that) to reply to everyone writing in and asking where their copy is. Monitor also received a very lengthy letter from our good friend, Charlie Wolf. Basically, he wishes everyone all the best

for this holiday season and fills us in on what he is currently up to. The full letter will no doubt, be re-produced in Monitor 35. However, a mini poster from Charlie can be seen below. He says to please feel free to write to him at the radio station(or even phone him!).

K-96

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To "ANORAKS" EVERYWHERE —
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L.A.
Charlie Wolf,
SEA WOLF

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RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

News is distinctly thin on this side of the water, as most stations get on with the job in hand and snatch the money up for grabs for Christmas advertising (and who can blame them!). Who knows what the bleak new year will bring (or probably, will not bring!).

DUBLIN. 'Hot Hits' Sunshine 101. There's not a lot to report here, although the station does have a new logo and accompanying stationery. The station is probably not the first, but definitely the first in Ireland, to have their logo on socks! This follows the catch phrase about the music 'knocking your socks off'. We are lead to believe that 'Phase 4' is on its way!!



Our new 'Hot Hit' format
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With Compliments/Le dea-mhéin

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8-11 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.
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539 MW — 101 FM

Q 102. On listening this week, again, no shortage of adverts or giveaways noted. There seems to be some sort of giveaway on every programme. In fact, they seem to be giving away anything they can lay their hands on. Perhaps this is the key to their success.

Energy 103. As with the above two stations, a full advertising log, it would appear. A number of Christmas jingles noted, some adapted from the old Nova ones. Promos have been noted for the Christmas Toy appeal in aid of Dublin's poor children. The weekends continue to feature an oldie, every other record. In fact, even an old Casey Kasem American Top Forty syndicated show from two years ago was aired. KLAS 98.5 FM, "Dublin's only easy listening station". A good FM signal is reported in the city, and this can be confirmed here in Blackpool, too. The voices of Hugh Hardy, Tony Allan and Bob Gallico have been noted. (The latter two on taped promos). The address remains....16 Hume Street, Dublin 2...Tel (01) 323762 or for advertisers, (01) 325752. It is reported that the KLAS studios are the best equipped ever, to broadcast from Dublin. They include Compact Disc and Video Disc players.

Heartbeat FM. Both this station, on 95.5MHz., and the above one are understood to be gaining listeners with their unique formats.

Radio Snowflake is back on the air for the Christmas period. The station was noted locally of late, testing, and on air, here, today, on 1530kHz, and also announcing 104.5MHz. This station normally broadcasts for around 3 weeks at this time of year.

A Flash FM was heard in Dublin, with an identification, and giving out the address, c/o Morans Hotel, Talbot Street, Dublin 1, last Monday. Frequency was 104.7MHz. The station disappeared shortly afterwards.

Co. LOUTH. Boyneside Radio. The Laser FM stereo project has been dropped by the Boyneside management, we understand, following a company meeting on Monday last. The reasons are not known at this stage, and the fact that the real Laser returned may have had some bearing on the decision. Boyneside's Kells relay returned to the air on Thursday 4th, following its absence due to storm damage. The 100.1MHz. transmitter is back on air, as well, from a new and higher site, ensuring good coverage to Dundalk and beyond. The 98.2MHz. transmitter has been off air, undergoing repairs, but we understand is now back on the air. The station's address is...Broadcasting House, Donaghy's Mill, Drogheda, Co. Louth...Tel (041) 37242.



BOYNESIDE RADIO

Broadcasting all over the East Coast of Ireland

Broadcasting House

Donaghy's Mill

DROGHEDA Advertising: Telephone 041-37242

Co. KILDARE. ZEE 104 finally signed on with full programmes at 07:00 on Monday 1st December, from Naas. Station owner/manager, Nigel Gordon was first on air. He was followed by Chris Doran at 11:00, Gary Noone at 14:00, and Jeff Richards at 18:00 till 22:00. More presenters are sought, and it is hoped to get a news service on the air in the coming weeks. Reaction to the station locally has been very good, and the signal has got out very well and reached even as far as Rathcoole on the Dublin side of Naas. A further all round improvement is hoped for in the new year. Frequency is 104.2MHz. K.L.B. in nearby Newbridge, reported recently as not getting our very well on FM, has been received at a point, about 9 miles East of Mullingar. The medium wave outlet on 1224kHz. can be heard here in Blackpool, however.

Co. KERRY. We understand that Horizon in Killorglin, is still off 104.0MHz.FM. It is probably broadcasting normally on 102.0MHz.

Co. CORK. Following appalling radio conditions last Monday, here in Blackpool, Tuesday dawned and by mid morning very unusual conditions brought in WKLR in Bandon, on 1503kHz. with remarkable clarity. The audio quality of the medium wave signal was excellent and a great number of adverts were noted for Bandon, Skibbereen and other local areas.

LIMERICK. As above, the good conditions on Tuesday brought in Radio Luimni on 1125kHz. The presenter heard over lunchtime was 'John the Man'(who else).

Co. LIMERICK. W.C.R. (West Country Radio?) in Abbeyfeale has been on air since 24th July, we understand, on 96 and 102MHz FM. Reception is reported as being poor despite being quite close to the station. No adverts have been noted up to November.

GALWAY. W.L.S. Music Radio International have sent their current lineup, and it reads....06:00 Don Stevens. 09:00 John Richards. 13:00 Richie O'Shea. 16:00 Keith York. 19:00 Don Stevens. 22:00(till 06:00) Steve Marshall. They are running their current give-away, "Don't say hello". It is similar to Sunshine Radio's one, but we understand has been running longer than theirs.

Co. MAYO. Reports from Ballina tell us that Community Radio Mayo has been logged there last week on FM. The station broadcasts from Claremorris, about thirty miles away and was first reported on a couple of weeks ago.

Co. WESTMEATH. Radio Midway, on 1494kHz. has been heard with much increased power, this past week. The station broadcasts from Mullingar.

Co. DONEGAL. Radio North have installed yet another FM transmitter, this time in Buncrana, in order to boost their signal in this particular area. The frequency is 102.0MHz. and power used is 50 watts. The current line-up for the station reads....07:00 Ian Akers. 09:00 Mark Warner. 12:00 Frankie McGoughlan. 14:00 Ian Akers. 16:00 James Bonner. 18:00 Francis Callaghan. 20:00 Columba. 22:00 Big L.T. 00:00 Big Daddy. 02:00 Close.

The medium wave transmitter is still on 1404kHz. and can be heard over a wide area at various times and is worth checking for.

North West Community Radio have apparently been off the air for part of the week, on medium wave, 1116kHz., due to antenna problems. The station continued on FM from their base in Buncrana.

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N. W. C. R.

North West Community Radio

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Again, nothing to report from the eastern Mediterranean.

LASER 'HOT HITS'. Following their 'big launch', last Sunday, Laser Hot Hits appears to have been having a lot of problems during the week which followed. The station has had many breaks in transmission, as well, as the signal being extremely weak at times, making listening very difficult in our location, some 300 miles from the m.v. Communicator. The weekday line-up seems to be settled at the moment, with the station currently opening up at 05:00, and closing at 22:00. We are not sure whether the short broadcast hours, are due to a lack of staff, the generators not being able to take any more, or the fact that there are only four D.J.'s on board. The current line-up is 05:00 K.C....09:00 Paul Dean...13:00 John 'Rock n' Roll' Anthony...17:00 Andrew Turner. The evening programming has not been audible here, but we understand that as well as Andrew Turner being heard on 'Drive Time', that Paul Dean, has also been noted later on, in the evening.

On Tuesday, in rough weather, which upset the radioships, during the early part of the week, Andrew Turners' cabin, had an unexpected dowsing of salt water. This happened just before sign-on at 05:00, when his porthole swung open, and both Simon and his cabin got drenched. According to K.C., on the Breakfast Show, the rest of the crew were going to use it as a swimming pool, however Andrew apparently, spent most of the morning, in between compiling and reading the news, mopping all the water up.

Wednesday seemed to be the day when the first signs of equipment problems, came to light in a big way. Due to reception difficulties here, we could not hear what happened, however 'WR' reader Chris, kindly gave us some of the details. Apparently, between 16:00 and 16:30 in the afternoon, John Anthony mentioned that he was sitting in the dark. After this, the records began to slow down, and it was announced that they were currently raising the anchor, and had to go off the air for a while. The station left the air for about 8 minutes, at 16:27 and then returned on full power. Presumably, the generators could not supply the extra power required to drive the anchorchain motor. As far as we can tell, the station continued until 22:00, and normal closedown. On Thursday, the station transmitted as normal until between 17:00 and 17:30, when it left the air. It was not logged again, until Friday morning, and programming was heard throughout the day, until closedown at 22:00, with Paul Dean.

During the early part of Saturday morning, the signal here was much weaker than Caroline on 558kHz, so they were obviously on much reduced power. Later on however, the signal returned to normal, until 13:20, when Laser once again left the air. Following this, a carrier was noted, then a test tone, and finally, programmes returned at 13:48. On the return, John Anthony said that he had been assured by the management, that a new generator would be sent out to the ship soon, to get the station back on high power.

Today (Sunday), programmes have been as normal whilst we listened, although we have been informed that one or two short breaks have again been occurring. David Lee Stone again hosted the 'Motown Magic', show between 10:00 and 12:00. He keeps stating that the programme is 'live', via satellite, but we feel that it is more likely to be on tape, as the Satellite Dome was apparently removed before the ship put back to sea.

Plenty of adverts continue to be aired, mostly for goods being supplied from the 'Laser Hots Hits' address in New York. Some of the things we failed to mention last week are 'Hot Hits' jigsaw, sweat shirts, and a 'Jumper' which costs £40. The Laser Roadshow, has also been given a lot of plugs for its forthcoming venues up to Christmas. The news is read by Andrew Turner, for 60 seconds(most times) up to the hour, at which time a 'Laser Hot Hits Power Play', is aired.

We hope by next time we write this column, that the station has sorted out its problems, and increased its power somewhat, and also that a few more D.J.'s are on board to extend the programmes into the night.

CAROLINE. We left Caroline 558, last Sunday, off the air, for some unknown reason. The station failed to return that day, as far as we know, but was on again as normal, on Monday morning with Mark

Matthews. Then at lunchtime, at about 12:18(same time as the previous day, for some strange reason), the station suddenly went off the air. A few attempts appeared to be made to get back on, during the following few half hour, but these only occurred for a few minutes at a time. Radio Monique appeared to be still on at this time, however then they too left the air, and it wasn't until 15:30, that the station returned, with John Dwyar. He mentioned on the return, that he was going to have to get used to the equipment once again, as he hadn't done a show since the previous Friday, due to early closedowns. It is understood that the engineers are attempting to improve the signal on 558kHz, and also do some repairs at the very top of the mast, which accounts for the large number of lost hours during the past week. There has yet again, been no change in staff, and hence the line-up continues to be the same. For those who aren't sure, it is as follows : 05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Dave James...13:00 John Dwyar...17:00 Richard Jackson. 21:00 Caroline Martin...01:00 Keith Lewis. The station still seems to be closing early, at 02:00, most of the week, meaning that Keith Lewis, only gets one hour until closedown. 24 hour operation has been noted at the weekend however, giving him a full four hours.

Tuesday could have been called 'Porthole day', as the 'ships windows' were mentioned many times, on both stations. Following the incident, on the Communicator(Andrew Turners' porthole letting in a large volume of sea water), Mark Matthews seemed to be having problems with seagulls. During one record, as Mark was gazing out to sea, a seagull approached the ship, looked through the porthole, took one look at Mark, and immediately flew off. Everyone looks rough in a morning though!! On Thursday and Friday, John Dwyar gave out the answer to the Thunderbirds Quiz, which he had run during his last stint out on the Ross. Not much else has been heard during the week, although we do feel, that a lot of the staff sound as though they are in need of a rest, and a few 'pints', onshore. Mark Matthews for instance, has been on the ship since the beginning of September, without a break.

There have been no new adverts this week, as far as we can tell, although some promotions for up and coming Caroline Rock Shows have been aired. News has been read in the morning by John Tyler, and at lunchtime by Richard Jackson. We have not been able to log the afternoon reader, although Mark Matthews, has done the honours at the weekend.

John Tyler has yet again been the sole 'live' presenter of 'Caroline Overdrive', on 963kHz, during the past week. Due to both channels being off the air on Sunday night, the Spin Concert re-spin, was not aired. During the week, as normal, the service has been starting at 21:30. On Monday, John Tyler signed off at 01:00, having informed the European listeners, earlier in the evening, of what Snooker was all about! Wednesday saw problems in the 'Overdrive' studio, with only one cartridge machine working. On this night, not only was John a D.J., cook and newsreader, but he also had to become an impersonator, and perform Tom Anderson's on the hour announcement, due to the cart machine not functioning properly. We heard one of Peter Chicago's rare appearances, in the early hours of Sunday morning at 01:15. We presume it was him, as John was engaging in conversation with someone called Peter, who was doing some maintenance in the Monique studio. Mark Matthews has also been heard in the early hours over the weekend, filling in the hours until the start of Radio Monique at 104:00. However he was only on a piece of tape, as he has continued to host the breakfast show on 558, even at the weekends, and hence had to be up early.

LAND - BASED STATIONS. **LIVERPOOL.** We always seem to start this section with this station, but they are very regular and very powerful. We are talking about Radio Merseywaves of course, who were listened to last Monday, as normal, that is until early afternoon, around 15:00, when the station went off the air. This was due to DTI activity in the vicinity. However, by Friday, all seemed well again, and at exactly 14:00, the station sprung into life once more, with their normal weekend schedule, although they have announced that they will again, close early on Monday, but this time, due to one of their famous 'nights out'. This enables all the presenters to attend the function.

KDA were apparently the victims of the Monday DTI activity, writes Tim Jackson. They were raided at about midnight on Sunday, whilst relaying Concept Radio. No further news on this, is at hand.

Central Radio were thought to be on the air today and yesterday, although the signal was suffering from continental interference, even as early as lunchtime. The frequency was 1404kHz.

Last weekend, Tim also mentions Radio Caroline North on 1323kHz. He, too, mentions continental interference, even on Merseyside. The station is planning a special Christmas Eve all day broadcast, and hope to have one of the cast of TV's Brookside programme, as a special guest.

THE MIDLANDS: PCRL have been logged once again, at various times during the week, on 103.5MHz. Last weekend, a station was heard identifying as Stereo Radio FM - 105.2, in the Birmingham/Shropshire area, on both Saturday and Sunday nights. Wrekin Radio now operates from 12:00 on the last Sunday of each month, on 103.8MHz. They also can be heard via Radio Orion on occasions(as they were by one logger today). WR will hopefully be on air, from 12:00 on Boxing Day.

LEEDS. Two stations have been operating throughout the week, in the city. Both these stations appear to be playing soul/reggae/rapping-type music. ABC - FM can be heard on 94.6MHz., with a good signal. MCR(Music City Radio) operate on 90.3MHz., and apparently have an even stronger signal, giving good coverage across the city. Their address is MCR, P.O. Box 1W16, Leeds, LS16 7SL.

LONDON. Stations reported on air today, include....TKO on 90.7MHz., LWR on 92.1MHz., Starpoint on 94.2MHz., People's Choice on 103.5MHz., JBC on 104.8MHz. and LGR on 105.1MHz.

WBLS were not noted today.(Ironically, the tape we are offering earlier is from the American station from which no doubt the English operators took the call letters). 3 BR have also not been reported as being heard today, however there were two blank carriers noted on 89.9 and 93.0MHz.(the latter maybe Solar?). These two signals were strong

in East London. The latter was thought it could be in readiness for the return of Solar Radio. A station playing reggae on 92.8MHz., was thought to be Twilight Radio. One on 94.0MHz. was thought to be KISS FM.

Going back to last week, it appears that the DTI raided several sites last weekend and silenced (temporarily) a number of stations. THE SOUTH. **Radio Pamela** were noted in Kent, on 1608kHz., at 10:58gmt., this morning. At the same location, a station playing non-stop pop music was logged on 1575kHz., at 11:09gmt. This could possibly have been Radio Fiona.

Down on the South coast now, and ABC Radio - 105.3MHz., hope to return next Sunday, after a break of six weeks. They hope to be on the air from 10:00 until 18:00 with about 60 watts which is twice their normal power. After this special Christmas broadcast, the ABC team will be having their annual get-together at the 'Drover's Pub', Eastbourne and all listeners are invited to go along for a Christmas drink. In attendance, will be staff from all the FM stations on the South coast, ABC, Sovereign, Atlantis and RBL. It looks like being a good evening.

FM DX-ers are asked to look out for ABC, as they often get reports from as far away as 80 miles. Station address is 28 Clyde Park, Hailsham, East Sussex.

Radio Sovereign - 105MHz. The station has made a welcome return to the airwaves, on Sunday evenings from 20:00 till midnight, in stereo. They use 30 watts and currently use the following new address...P.O. Box 3, Rye, East Sussex.

Radio Orion - 105.3MHz. Yet another DTI success story as this station was raided two weeks ago, and all equipment taken. One staff member was caught and a court case is now pending. This will be reported on in a future issue.

R.B.L. - 91.6MHz. This legal 'free' station continues its English programmes each Sunday/Monday evening, on 91.6MHz., from the French coastal town on Boulogne. On Monday 29th December, they will be broadcasting live, enabling the listeners to have instant requests and dedications. RBL can be heard with a good stereo signal along the South coast of England.

Radio Atlantis - 103.8MHz. This station broadcasts from the Maidstone area of Kent, each Sunday evening, from 19:00 till 21:00. No contact address has been given out, but phone number is aired, for requests etc.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Saturday 13th December 1986.

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 11:34gmt.
6206kHz...WORLD STAR RADIO, at 11:40gmt.
6224kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 14:17gmt.
6275kHz...UNID.(Dutch), at 13:35gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:20gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO EAST COAST C., at 13:50.
6295kHz...UNID.(PFBS?), at 11:17gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 12:00gmt.
6300kHz...UNID., at 12:03gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:59gmt.

A relay of Laser Hot Hits was heard around 6295kHz., at 10:48gmt.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS....Today's Log...

3465kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:25gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:06gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO PRIVAAT, at 12:07gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 14:52gmt.
6224kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 10:13gmt.
6230kHz...SUD WEST RADIO, at 10:19gmt.
6230kHz...R. EAST COAST C. at 12:02gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:47gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:13gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:21gmt.
6266kHz...WREKIN RADIO, at 11:31gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:35gmt.
6268kHz...CAPITAL RADIO INT., at 11:24gmt.
6276kHz...RADIO NORMAAL, at 10:00gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:18gmt.
6285kHz...UNID., at 10:39gmt.
6290kHz...UNID., at 11:00gmt.(Radio Valleri?).
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 12:00gmt.
6301kHz...RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM), at 11:02gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 11:57gmt.
6313kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE INT., at 10:54gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 11:42gmt.
6825kHz...UNID., at 10:34 & 11:40gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:45gmt.
7365kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 10:32gmt.

Todays conditions were very variable, with transmissions originating in Britain, being mainly poorly received here in Blackpool. Those from the continent however, were good most of the time. Stations from Ireland, varied from good to poor, at different times of the morning. Logs in bold type are ours, here in Blackpool, others are from loggers in the Midlands, Kent, London, Manchester, Salisbury and Leeds. Logs can be phoned in between 13:30 and 14:30 each Sunday lunchtime.

. A **RADIO RAINBOW (GERMANY)**, was logged by one listener, and was operating on a frequency just lower than that of Radio Rainbow Int., from Ireland, possibly 6235kHz. The exact frequency was unable to be determined, due to the logger having no read out facilities. The annual station in Dublin, **RADIO SNOWFLAKE**, which appeared again this week was heard being relayed at 12:49gmt., possibly by Westside Radio, by the same logger.

Wrekin Radio are apparently being relayed by Radio Orion. The unidentified station on 6290kHz., was playing music, but having severe problems with RF feedback, and its identity therefore remains a mystery. However, Westside Radio mentioned that Radio Valleri were testing on about 6292kHz., so this indeed, could have been them.

Radio East Coast Commercial will be having a special Christmas Day transmission, which will feature a phone line facility. The number will be (04853) 2742. This is only to be used during the said broadcast. Also, to be heard over the festive period, are WFRL, we understand, who plan to broadcast on Boxing Day, from 08:00 until around 15:00, on 6300kHz. KLA may also be heard, but as yet, are uncertain what exact channel they will be on.

There were no amendments to last Sunday's log. All corresponding loggers agree with our listings.

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No. 138.....21st December 1986.

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A very happy Christmas to all "WR" readers(in the case of second class and foreign subscribers, we hope you had a happy Christmas!). We may have to find larger premises, in order to display all the hundreds(yes, hundreds!) of Christmas cards we have received. A very big thank you to everyone for these. A special thank you, also, to everyone who has contributed so much in the way of news, photos, cuttings and reports over this very successful and busy year, which has helped to make "WR", and of course, "Anoraks U.K." that bit more successful. We hope you have enjoyed what we have compiled and offered over the year, and if you have any suggestions at all, please feel free to let them be known to us. The only black mark this festive time, has been the non-delivery of some video tapes from EAP("A Day in the Life"), and some audio tapes from Alfasound. We have been assured that delivery will be as soon as possible, and apologise on their behalf, for any disappointment. Finally in this opening paragraph, it appears to us, that some mail from Ireland has gone astray. The items in question, several, some from Dublin, but others from further afield, seem to have been posted about three weeks ago. If you are awaiting some items and have not heard from us, it may be an idea to drop us a line, then we can confirm that no order has been received, then the appropriate claim form may be obtained by you, from the Irish post office.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Back in stock, for a short while, **Pirate Radio, Then and Now**, by Stuart Henry and Mike von Joel. Possibly the final copies of this excellent A4 size book. Only a few in stock, get one now, price £6.50 inc. post and packing.....**Wavelength**, Issue 13 is now available. 16 x A5 pages of general news and information, well presented, price 60p.

NEW ARRIVALS. The latest issue of **Now Radio**, No. 16, arrived early week. 28 pages x A5 of radio news, both legal and otherwise. Again, well presented. A sample copy will cost £1, from Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 ONW.....**Medium Wave News**, published by Medium Wave Circle, Issue 6 also arrived in the week. 8 x A4 sides here, all medium wave, lots of American logs. Worth getting just for the logs section. Details from Harold Emblem, 137a Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY.....**Britain Radio International Newsletter**, 'Special return to the air edition', is now available for 40p from BRI, 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG. New stickers and key rings are also available, details will be found within the news sheet.....**Play-DX**, from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158, Milan, Italy, includes masses of logs, many American. Send for details, enclosing an IRC or some station stickers.(Mainly in Italian).....**Free Radio Fanzine**, issue 4/5, from Roger Kirk/FRF/Radio Victoria, Postfach 1214, D - 6380 Bad Homburg, West Germany. A 28 x A5 page magazine from the FRA Germany. Mainly in German, but with some photos and many stickers reproduced. Send for details, enclosing an IRC.

WANTED. "We Love The Pirate Stations" by the Roaring Sixties(only on the original Marmalade label), "Rinky Dink" by the Johnny Howard Band

on Decca records, "Image" by Alan Haven, on Fontana TF 835, "The Untouchables", L.P. by Nelson Riddle on Capitol (S) T 1430, "Sticks and Stones" by The Warm Sounds(a 45rpm.), "Movie Themes" L.P. by Frank Chacksfield, on Phase 4 Decca(contains a track called "Dragnet"), "Sidewinder"(The Symbols?), Keith Hampshire's theme tune.

Does anyone know the title of the tune to Keith Hampshire's "Keefer's Uprising" show, played in the sixties on Caroline South, each morning, about 06:00?

SWAP SECTION. We have several very good copies of a Caroline South colour postcard from the sixties. Would anyone be interested in swapping one for a similar colour postcard of Caroline North, or maybe Radio 270(did they have postcards?). Drop us a line.

TAPE OFFER. This week, we have two more recent tapes from the States, as these seem very popular, and we travel to Chicago, where we offer, as Tape 11, **WLS - AM**. This is a mainly news/talk station, but with the occasional break for music(a bit like LBC in London). Presenter is Larry Lujack. For an AM recording, the quality on this tape is exceptional..... Tape 12 features **Q 101(WKQX - FM)**. The quality of this one is excellent too, but only to be expected with FM. The format is mainly top 40. Presenter is Dan Walker. Both tapes are recorded on 8th December 1986. Price, as always, is £2.00 per tape(£4.00 for both). Just going back to last week's tape offer, the Jessie Brandon recording was unclassified. The Americans would call it MOR. It is quite easy listening, actually, with no disco or black music featured.

GENERAL. This week sees the end of nights getting longer, and after today, the reverse happens. Better ground wave conditions will soon be evident,

we hope, in the New Year. Nevertheless, right now is the best time for American DX, and if you have the energy to stay up and listen, many nights can turn out to be quite amazing. This past week, American medium wave stations have been audible from as early as 21:00 and as late as 10:00 next day. Normal receivers have been able to produce some results, but owners of expensive communications sets (and inexpensive old ones like Racals), will have had a field day, by simply narrowing the receiving band width. American stations are famous for their constant ID-ing, and whilst we ID-ed lots, the following ones were evident on many nights, and are well worth making a note of, to look out for.....590 VOCM (often the strongest, the first to appear and last to disappear), 660 WNBC, 770 WABC, 880 WCBS, 930 CJYQ, 950 CKNB, 1010 WINS, 1050 WHN, 1090 WBAL, 1100 WWWE, 1130 WNEW, 1180 WHAM, 1210 WCAU, 1220 CKCW, 1320 CFGM, 1410 WPOP, 1500 WTOP, 1510 WMRE (very strong at night, but obliterated somewhat in the mornings by 1512 from Belgium). This is far from our complete list of the week's logs, but just the more popular and audible ones to try for.

INFO-LINES. Producing a weekly report, we are unable to offer information over the telephone, however, a couple of sources do indeed, offer such a service. They are, the Caroline Movement Infoline on (07372) 41510 (24 hours/7 days) and Now Radio Info-line on (0536) 514437 (weekends and public holidays). These should keep you bang up to date with news, along with "WR".

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

DUBLIN. It really is 'all quiet on the Western front' (and the Eastern, too!) again, this week, with all the big Dublin stations slogging away, with full advertising logs, courtesy of Santa. **Radio Snowflake** is an exception, and is on the air, from 17th December, until Saturday 3rd January, again, to help you enjoy the Christmas Season to the full. The station serves the areas covered by Radio Sandymount, Radio Donnybrook, and Radio Ringsend, during their Community Festivals, throughout the Summer. Frequencies are 1530kHz AM, and 104.5MHz FM in stereo. Broadcasts are from 09:00 until 18:00, although these hours will be extended if necessary. The station has been very popular in the past, and hopes 1986 will be no exception. The team wish everyone a Happy Christmas, and includes....David Reddy, Charlie Sheehan, Conor McHugh, John Murray, John Martin, Paul Doyle, Suzanne Duffy, Al O'Rourke, Ian Smith, David Baker,

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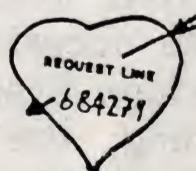
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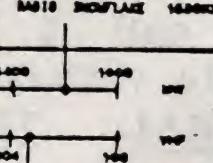
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RADIO SNOWFLAKE 104.5 FM IN STEREO

Brian Lambert and Robert O'Neill and many many more. The station is audible along the West coast of Britain.

A report from Mark in Dublin on **KLAS 98.5 FM**. The station is owned and run as a sister station to Radio Carousel, by Hugh Hardy. The mailing address remains...16 Hume Street, Dublin 2. Great reaction around Dublin city and county is reported, with a signal which is as good as, if not better than, **Energy 103**. Presenters include Nick Adams(ex BBC and ILR), a mystery voice which sounds very like the inimitable David Baker, whose expertise in this field would be very much in demand, and Mark Paige who hosts the nightly 'Nightmoves' show. The latter is apparently receiving much praise from many involved in radio. His voice is said to be one of the best on radio in the Dublin area, at present.

KLAS 98.5 FM has quite a number of agency adverts, in fact, many more than Energy or any of the smaller stations in the city, which in itself suggests that the station is 'hot stuff'. Advertisers noted include Stag, Holsten Pils, Kelland Homes and Golden Discs.

The format is MOR, with classical and jazz in there as well. Nearly all the music is on compact disc, so quality is perfect. The station features an excellent jingle package, which includes some Tony Allen ones, and it is understood, that a further set is due, which will compliment the existing ones.

Other Irish News in brief: **Radio Carousel**, after a disastrous spell on 1143kHz.(along with a loud off channel whistle, even audible in Dundalk, at night), has now returned to 1125kHz., since last Tuesday.....**Radio North** has moved its main FM transmitter from 98.1 to 97.7MHz. This was due to **Radio Nova 2**, beginning operations on an announced 98.3MHz.(actually on 99.15kHz.), with 70 watts, causing severe interference. The 102.0MHz. relay in Buncrana, has now been taken out of service and should return shortly on another frequency, not yet determined. Some problems with the transmissions of **N.W.C.R.** were the apparent reasons. Medium wave transmissions continue to be logged daily, here in Blackpool, on 1404kHz.....A new address has been given for **Radio Nova 2**, it is...The Old Station House, Fahan, Co. Donegal...(077) 60189.....**East Coast Radio**, on 1044kHz., seem to have been having problems in the week, with what sounded like a severe case of feedback on the audio. This now seems to have been sorted out.....**Midway Radio**, following their much increased signal last week, now seem to be back to the lower power of the last few months, on 1494kHz.



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THE VOICE OF PEACE. Although a news report is on its way, nothing has arrived as yet, hence news is a bit thin. We understand that the AM transmitter is still off the air, although FM continues as normal. Current presenters include....Mike Darby, Tim Shepherd, Gavin Ford, Andrew Brown, Casper Bateley, Neil Armstrong, Dave Asher and Richard Ticho.

CAROLINE. After last week's major breaks in transmissions, we had a continuous week, as far as broadcasting was concerned. On the line-up front, the week continued as we left it last Friday....05:00 Mark Matthews. 09:00 Dave James. 13:00 John Dwyar. 17:00 Richard Jackson. 21:00 Caroline Martin. 01:00 Keith Lewis. However, on Thursday, a rather 'croaky' John Dwyar read the 13:00 bulletin, and following this, we heard the first 'daytime' show from Keith Lewis. Keith has previously only been heard during the 01:00-04:00 slot. Apparently, the reason for this change around in schedule, was that John Dwyar had an extremely sore throat, and this was confirmed when we heard him read the news.

On Monday's breakfast show, Mark Matthews announced that he was hosting another competition. This time it was a Roger Whittaker/Des O'Connor competition, and follows their recent success in the charts. The question was : "If the duo were to form a band, what would they be called?" Apparently, winners would be those who gave the silliest answers. The prizes would consist of an 'ash tray', moulded from the said record, and a 'place mat', which would appear

to be the sleeve of the record in question.

The ship now appears to have been given the 'Christmas look', with tinsil, and other items adorning it. To 'celebrate' this, the station has now added many seasonal records to its playlist. On Tuesday, John Dwyar(and possibly others) announced that it was the second birthday of Radio Monique. For those who do not remember, Radio Monique began transmissions from the Ross Revenge, on Sunday 16th December 1984. Many congratulations were given by the staff of Caroline, and we too, hope that they enjoy a successful 3rd year. No doubt there were plenty of celebratory pints of GBH drunk over the hours that followed.

A bit of a change around occurred on news this week, although John Tyler seems to have once again copped for the morning stint. The lunchtime news however, having last week been read by Richard Jackson, was this week read by Keith Lewis. This was so, except for Thursday, when John Dwyar did the honours, and let Keith do the show, due to his sore throat. Mark Matthews has continued to read the 3 afternoon bulletins. On both Saturday and Sunday, at 13:00, the newsreader failed to appear, following the normal jingle introduction. Poor Richard Jackson, was the D.J. who had to suffer breaks in his continuity, and following the second incident on Sunday, was heard saying it was chaos, with having a second 'stolen' newscaster in two days.

On Caroline Overdrive, John Tyler has continued to host most of the shows during the week, with close-down at the early time of 02:00. On Thursday night, Mark Matthews was in the studio, and mentioned that he had had enough of playing 'pop music' and was going to appear 'live' at the weekend on 963kHz. This he duly did, at 02:00 on Saturday morning. This follows his previous few shows being on tape. On the same night, but earlier, at 23:30, John Tyler introduced a new competition. To be named 'Wind-up Friday', this appears to involve getting all your problems off your chest. John did just that. in a 'Tyler talks turkey' presentation, telling us that as well as presenting 35-40 hours per week of Overdrive, 21 hours of writing and reading the news, he also has to spend 12 hours in the kitchen preparing meals for the crew. After sifting through his pockets, he finally found a prize for the best letter, a packet of cigarette papers! The service returned to 24 hour operation over the weekend, with Mark also hosting the 21:00-00:00, slot on Saturday night, and John Tyler continuing until the start of Radio Monique at 04:00. Radio Monique now have a new start up promo, which is the station i.d./location spoken in several languages, and played over the top of the normal theme tune. Previously, the announcements had been done live by the disc jockey, who commenced at 04:00.

LASER HOT HITS. The problems of the previous week, seemed to have taken their toll on the station. Following a full days broadcast on Sunday, Monday started as normal, although having said that, the North Sea was extremely rough during the morning. We heard the station on air shortly after 09:00, with Paul Dean. However, when we got chance to listen again, just before 13:00, Laser were off the air. No transmissions have since been noted on 576kHz from the m.v. Communicator. According to reports, the station was off the air briefly, earlier in the morning, in order to raise the anchor, and then returned, but then left the air again at about 12:20. At first we feared the worst (aerial damage was their previous problem), however a couple of reports mentioned, that Paul Dean, after making constant references to generators, stated said that the station would be leaving the air due to the poor weather conditions.

We have since learned, that there are no serious problems on board, except for the weather, which must be tossing the Communicator about, as even the crew of the stable Ross Revenge seem to have been complaining about their ship moving about. It is understood that the aerial array, which is strung between the two masts, has been lowered, in order that improvements may be carried out. Further insulators, are believed to be being added, in order that the power output can be increased to overcome the interference problems caused by the powerful German transmitters on 576kHz. The station hopes to be back on the air, during the early part of the coming week(presumably before Christmas), and has a new 40 cut jingle package, ready for the recommencement of broadcasts. All this of course, is assuming that the weather conditions are good enough for the aerial system to be hauled back up to the top of the masts.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LEEDS. A letter in this week from a subscriber in the city, gives the following news of

stations there....There are currently two stations operating 7 days per week. ABC-FM operate a reggae/soul format on 94.5MHz, and seem to programme mainly at the weekends, as well as each night during the week. The transmissions are in mono. Another 7-day station, which broadcasts in stereo, on 90.3MHz, is MCR(Music City Radio). They also appear to play similar music to to the previous station. The Sunday only station, Radio Radar, which we reported earlier in the year, has once again been back on the air for the past 3 weeks, on a slightly different frequency of 104.5MHz. Their current line-up is : 10:00 Tim Purley...11:00 Steve Summers...12:00 Andy Megastar..13:30 Big Bopper...14:30 Paul...16:00 Steve Summers...17:00 Close. This station play a much wider variety of music than the two mentioned previously, and operate with 25 watts. The Radio Veronica which was reported with a powerful signal from Bradford on 104.85MHz, some weeks ago, now seems to have ceased its transmissions. Several readers reported that Radio Veronica were putting out some rather unsavoury programming, so perhaps they were harrassed off the airwaves.

LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves, as always, appeared Monday, Friday, Saturday and of course, today, with full programming, on 1242kHz., announcing 244m.

Station owner, Burt Williams, made one of his rare live appearances, albeit, a little late, due to '20mph. Sunday drivers'. This week's theme seemed to be 'why you should keep your stomach muscles in good order!' Burt tells us that he will be making further live appearances on Boxing Day and next Sunday, which should be worth checking out.

A station on 1404kHz. was noted today, but due to lots of continental interference was not identified, but was presumed to be Central Radio International.

Tim Jackson, in his report, mentions Radio Caroline North on 1325kHz. and also in the middle of the previous week, Liverpool Pirate Radio, around 1386kHz.

THE MIDLANDS. North Midlands Radio from Chesterfield, was heard on 104.9MHz., today. No reports of PCRL, have been received as yet.

LONDON. Starpoint and LWR were reported to have been raided last Monday. However, LWR returned by Thursday. Stations reported heard today, include....Community Development Radio on 88.6MHz., TKO on 90.7MHz., LWR on 92.1MHz., Solar on 93.0MHz., KISS FM on 93.9MHz., People's Choice on 103.6MHz., Time Radio on 103.7MHz., JBC on 104.8MHz., LGR on 105.1MHz. and an Unidentified station on 88.9MHz., playing rapping music(what else?). Two further stations were reported on the Kent side of the city..Power 105 on 105.5MHz. and from Eastbourne, ABC Radio on 105.3MHz. Apparently, the latter could be received in Oxfordshire.

Heard yesterday were....RTR on 90.2MHz. and Twilight FM on 92.8MHz.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS....Today's log.

3463kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:13gmt.
6207kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 10:15gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 12:31gmt.
6230kHz...UNID., (poss. R. Orkney?), at 13:30gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:21gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 13:20gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10:20gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:37gmt.
6273kHz...RADIO OMEGA INT., at 10:25gmt.
6277kHz...UNID., at 10:05gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:21gmt.
6283kHz...UNID., at 09:10gmt.
6293kHz...P.F.B.S., at 09:25gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 11:05gmt.
6300kHz...WFRL, at 10:20gmt.
6302kHz...RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM), at 09:07gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 12:10gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09:27gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO MONGOOSE, at 11:14gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:29gmt.
7325kHz...ATLANTIQUE 2000, at 09:45gmt.
7373kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 09:50gmt.

The skip conditions on SW varied dramatically today, with European stations such as Atlantique 2000, being heard with its best signal ever, at this location. Those which suffered from poor reception, were mainly the British based stations. Reception of Irish stations varied from excellent, to nothing, in the space of a few minutes. As usual the logs in bold were heard here in Blackpool, with the others being kindly supplied

by loggers in the Midlands and Yorkshire.

Log for Saturday 20th December 1986.

6206kHz...RADIO LIMIT INT., at 10:04gmt.
6206kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 10:55gmt.
6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 12:35gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 12:24gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:26gmt.
6300kHz...UNID., at 11:28gmt.

Radio Orion was noted in the week, on 6280kHz.

Radio Pamela tell us that they are doing tests in the evening, on 3380kHz., or 3500kHz., from 20:00gmt. They also tell us that they will be on air on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, on either 6240, 6204 or 6611kHz., as well as 1608kHz. medium wave.

STATIONS TO LOOK OUT FOR OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD.

LONDON AREA(Information courtesy of Steve Hamley of <TX> Magazine.

| Station | Freq | Format | Time | Area |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Alice's Restaurant | 90.0FM | Rock | Xmas Week | ALL |
| CDR | 88.6FM | Black CR | 7 Days | W |
| Radio Confidence | 92.7FM | Reggae | Weekends | SE |
| Direct Line Radio | 90.1FM | Soul/Pop | Xmas Week | SE |
| Radio Duck | 89.8FM | Oldies | Mon/Wed | NW |
| F.A.S. | 105.5FM | Soul | Fri/Sun | HERTS |
| Radio Gemini | 104.3FM | Pop | Weekends | SE |
| Hits 90 | 90.0FM | Pop | 24 Hours | ALL |
| FMTR | 94.2FM | Rock | Wed | HARLOW |
| JBC | 104.8FM | Black CR | 7 Days | NW |
| Kiss-FM | 94.0FM | Soul | Weekends | ALL |
| London Greek Radio | 105.1FM | Greek CR | 7 Days | ALL |
| LWR | 92.1FM | Black music | 24 Hours | ALL |
| Radio Memphis | 1260AM | Rock'n'Roll | Sunday | N |
| Network 21 | 89.6FM | Avant Garde | Fri/Sat | S |
| Newtown Radio | 90.6FM | Pop/Soul | Sunday | HERTS |
| People's Choice | 103.6FM | Soul | 7 Days | S |
| Quest-FM | 89.8FM | Soul | Weekends | SE |
| RFM | 89.7FM | Rock | Sunday | N |
| RJR | 90.0FM | Reggae | 7 Days | N |
| Santa Star | 91.9FM | Rock | Xmas Day | E |
| Solar Radio | 93.0FM | Soul | 24 Hours | ALL |
| Starpoint Radio | 94.2FM | Soul | 24 Hours | ALL |
| Studio One | 92.9FM | Soul | Weekends | N |
| Three Boroughs' Radio | 1125AM | Pop | Sunday | NW |
| Time Radio | 103.7FM | Soul/Reggae | 7 Days | W |
| TKO | 90.8FM | Black music | 24 Hours | ALL |
| Turkish Community Radio | 103.7FM | Turkish CR | Weekends | N |
| WBLS | 88.5FM | Dance Music | Weekends | ALL |
| WKLR | 93.0FM | Soul | 7 Days | S |

SHORT WAVE: FMTR's Christmas Schedule....24th December...22:00 until 02:00. 25th December 08:30 until 13:00. 26th December...08:30 until 13:00. 31st December...22:00 until 02:00. 1st January... 08:30 until 13:00. Frequency will be 6319kHz., power 60 watts.

Britain Radio International hope to be on the air on Boxing Day, on 6230kHz.

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WANTED.

Reader, Rob Chapman wishes to contact someone who is intending to record Caroline and Laser on Christmas Day. He can be contacted at 5 Latham Street, Brigstock, Kettering, Northants. NN14 3HD.

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A Happy New Year to all our readers. We hope everyone had a very happy Christmas. Holiday delays will make this week's report a little late, once again, but all being well, we should return to normal running as from this time next week. This week's edition possibly contains less radio news than normal, but this is only to be expected, with hardly any mail containing news, reports and information getting through. Many thanks again, for all the many nice Christmas cards containing best wishes for the festive season.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. "Caroline" by The Fortunes. The original version recorded in 1964, on the Decca 'Golden Oldies' label. Picture sleeve(the group). Disc pressed in Europe. Price £5.00. (We also have the new version in stock, at £3.50).....Following a number of requests, we have decided to offer the remaining Christmas cards for sale. Send us £1.00, and we will send you, along with next week's report, an A-UK Christmas card, featuring that excellent shot of the new look Communicator, plus one of last year's Christmas cards, featuring a Christmas tree laden with presents for all the various free radio stations. We will then send the full £1.00 to that most worthy organisation, RNLI. We have about 100 of each card, so all being well, we could send the RNLI £100.00. Let's see if we can do it.

NEW ARRIVALS. Radiotex Issue 89. 4 x A5 pages of news, logs and QSL's from the world of short wave. A must for all short wave listeners. Send us 40p and we will send you a sample copy, along with a current subscription form.....Play-DX Issue 440. 6 x A4 pages of logs and reports, although mostly in Italian. Good news arrives with this issue, Play-DX will be going All English as from June 1987. Recommended for the American logs especially. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy, enclosing an IRC or some station stickers.

WANTED. Our 'wanted' section last week, has so far failed to produce any results, with one exception(thanks to Paul in Hull). He reminds us that "Sidewinder" was by the Canadian group, 'West Acres and the Rebels', and possibly only released in Canada. This tune was Keith Hampshire's theme tune, although for his 'Keefer's Uprising Show' each morning at 06:00, he used a further tune. The question is, what was this called?

1986. Our annual look back at the year just gone. We lost one of the most financially successful pirates ever, on 19th March, when Radio Nova(Dublin) was forced to close down through a court injunction.....We saw the welcome return of one of the most successful(audience-

wise) pirates ever, when Laser came back on the air on 1st December, although still fraught with technical problems, despite a year in 'captivity'.....We lost a number of chaps(and ladies too) to the legal stations, Neil Francis(to Chiltern), Susan Charles(to Aire) and Alton Andrews(to Luxy).....We did gain a couple though, Gareth O'Callaghan to Energy and Andrew Turner to Laser(Both from the Beeb).....Another radio bill was all set to legalise local radio in Ireland, but was thrown out as quickly as it was introduced, again!.....Short wave conditions finally improved towards the end of the year, and once again, we were able to hear our Sunday morning short wave favourites. Have we really hit that all time low finally, and will conditions continue to improve now? We shall see.....The Government made fools of themselves again, this time with the scrapping of the Community Radio experiment, even before it took off.....The pirates retaliated by hitting the airwaves en masse. All this and we considered it to be fairly quiet. So what for next year? Who knows? Make sure your subs. are fully paid, and read about it all each week right here!

TAPE OFFERS. Due to the holiday and slowness of the mail, Tape Offers this week are being held over. We shall resume once again, next week, with two tapes per week, and hopefully featuring your favourites. Please tell us what you would like to see offered.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

DUBLIN. Sunshine Radio seem to be going over board on the Christmas theme, more so than any other Dublin station. As a special feature at night, the station are running some 1930's Christmas Radio Shows, although, these have not been heard, due to poor radio reception. The 6th December issue of The Irish Times had some nice things to say about one particular programme.....but for sheer gluttony, Be-Bop Gold(Sunshine Radio, 09:00 till 15:00 Sundays), easily takes first prize - it has six continuous hours of vintage singles mostly from the sixties'.

Energy 103 seem to have some new voices on the air, although, we are not too sure of the

names, as yet. Noel was one. These will have replaced the recent departures....Gerry Stevens, Derek Jones and Richard Cooke. Gerry can be found in the Virgin Megastore in Dublin, in the RTE Radio 2 studio, although it is not known if the end product just goes out over the store public address system, or whether some shows are aired on the radio. On Q 102, Mike Duggan, has been heard doing the all night shows at the weekend. Mike, of course, was ex Nova and Energy.

Pulsar 98 are being heard far and wide, it appears. A report of it being received in Mullingar, on a normal transistor, are at hand. We can also hear it from time to time, when conditions permit, here in Blackpool. However, both Phoenix and Diamond Radios have both been missing from the airwaves for some time.

Inland to Longford, where news reaches us about Independent Radio Longford. The station broadcasts on 99.0MHz.FM and 864kHz.AM. The latter can often be heard here in Blackpool, around lunchtime, when the French station is weakest, and again around midnight, when the said French station goes off. Line-up is fairly settled but rather complicated to print. However, regular presenters include Ed Myles(Breakfast Show), Cathy Roberts, Stevie Richards (Afternoon Show), Brian Adams, Tony Jordan, Trevor James and Mark Grayson. In addition to general popular music, country and western and Irish music shows are regularly featured.

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The off-channel whistle on 1584kHz. (suggesting a station on about 1582kHz., possibly from Ireland), continues to be heard daily, here in Blackpool.

Thanks to Catherine, Bernard, John, Trevor and Kevin for this week's info.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Still no news reaches us from the Eastern Mediterranean, although some staff changes are expected in a few days or so.

LASER HOT HITS. Unfortunately, due to rough sea, Laser were unable to re-appear on the air in time for Christmas. However, riggers, and the necessary parts arrived on the Communicator, mid-week, in order that the work could be carried out. The crew obviously worked hard through Christmas Day, and into Boxing Day, as a blank carrier was noted on 576kHz, shortly after 13:00, on Friday. This carrier was switched on and off, and was followed with a tuning note for a while. Then at around 14:30, cheering was heard for a few seconds, and then the stations' signature tune, 'Thank You For The Music' was played. This was followed up, with continuous music for the rest of the afternoon/evening. The only 'live' announcements heard by us, at around 18:00 were actually more like 'whispers', stating that they were going off for a few minutes. The continuous music, went all through Saturday, although a voice(possibly Andrew Turner), announced during the morning, that 'all systems are in Al condition'. Again on Sunday, it was non-stop music, except for the David Lee Stone, 'Motown Magic' show, which was presumably on tape. The half hour of Elvis, at 14:00, was also played, but with a 'test transmission' promo, inserted. It seemed as though the station was trying to do its normal 'Sixties Sunday' programmes, but did not have any D.J.'s to present the programmes. Perhaps they have all now returned to land for the holiday period. We now await full programming once again. The signal is good, but is still unable to override the large German stations on 576kHz. If they could get up to the full 25kW (generators permitting), then it would certainly improve the night-time coverage for the station.

CAROLINE. Once again, the week started off with the same members of staff aboard the vessel. The lineup on Monday, was the same as last week, except for a change round of news-readers. Keith Lewis read the breakfast news up until Thursday, with the other bulletins, being read by various staff. The first sign of change, for many weeks, came on Tuesday, when Caroline Martin stood in for John Dwyer on the afternoon show, at 13:00. On the same day, Keith Lewis was brought forward to host the 21:00 show. The station signed off at mid-night, on Tuesday, in order to prepare for aerial maintenance, the following day. On Wednesday, programmes started as normal, with Mark Matthews on breakfast and Dave James at 09:00. During his show, Dave James, then announced that they would be closing for the promised aerial work. At 10:30, both frequencies closed, for 'maintenance only possible during daylight hours'. This aerial maintenance, which has been going on since the summer, has now presumably all been completed, and involved the alteration of the twowire system, to a four wire system. These 4 wires now are attached to the very top of the mast, rather than $\frac{1}{4}$ the way up, as was previously. This is to give a much improved efficiency, enabling a better signal to be broadcast using the same power. A new Optimod unit has also been delivered to the ship, to be used on 558kHz, but we are unsure as to whether this has yet been in use. The station remained off the air until about 15:00 on Christmas Eve. Dave James then recommenced where he had left earlier in the day. A new voice was also heard during the afternoon, reading the news. His name, Stuart



Crilly's Sprint Print, Market Sq, Longford.

Ian from Reading writes and tells us that the following Irish stations are audible in his area.....738kHz., Energy 103(groundwave) ...819kHz., Q 102(groundwave)...846kHz., Sunshine Radio(groundwave)...864kHz., Independent Radio Longford(around mid-night)...1233kHz., Boyneside North(Breakfast time)...1251kHz., Erne Side Community Radio(Breakfast time)...1305kHz., Radio ERI(night time)...1332kHz., Boyneside Radio(night time)...1413kHz., Big 'M' Community Radio(Breakfast time)...1494kHz., Radio Midway(Breakfast time).

Clark. Stuart recently did a 3 month stint on the Voice of Peace, during the summer, and prior to that he worked in Ireland for several years, on the well known ABC-Radio in Waterford. Stuart now seems to have taken over as newsreader, on a full-time basis, and has been heard on every bulletin since joining the station, on Christmas Eve. Also during this latest change in staff, Peter Philips made a return to the Ross, and currently is hosting the late show at 21:00, which is somewhat unusual for him. Current lineup seems to be 05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Dave James...13:00 Richard Jackson...17:00 Keith Lewis...21:00 Peter Philips...01:00 Closedown.

On Christmas Day, everyone on board seemed to be in a festive mood, even if they did sound a bit 'worse for wear'. On his programme, Dave James mentioned that Mark had done a 9 hour marathon, but we are not sure about the exact details of this. There were plenty of guests, popping in and out of the studio all day, telling stories, and giving out dedications. Also, the latest tender, must have brought on all the Christmas cards sent over the last few weeks, as dozens were being opened and read out over the following few days. Peter Chicago, made his second rare appearance on the air in a month, when he gave out a dedication to his wife and parents, during Richard Jackson's programme on the 25th.

No new adverts have been noted this week, and those Christmas ones which are currently being aired, will now have to be taken off, leaving even less commercial time.

Across on 'Overdrive', John Tyler has once again been the mainstay. On Monday, John mentioned that it was Caroline Martin's 18th Birthday, and that he was baking a cake. Any noises in the background, were John mixing the ingredients for the cake. The service closed early, at midnight on Tuesday, along with 558, and John said that along with all his other jobs, he would also be having to climb the mast in the morning. Mark Matthews was also heard during the week, with 'live' shows again. As stated earlier, we are not sure what the '9 hour marathon' was all about, on Christmas Eve/Day. (Was it a mixture of the 558 and 963 services?) The Del Fuegos Spin Concert, was repeated at 21:30 on Christmas Day, but the programming after this concert, was not logged by us, due to other commitments.

LAND-BASED STATIONS(Foreign). Not Italy, as we usually feature here, but Portugal, where we find Solar - Radio. Julian Cole writes and tells us about his radio project in the Algarve..... "I was involved with Radio Jackie in London, for several years, doing mainly engineering work. I was also a founder member of the London soul station "JFM". More recently, I have been doing free lance engineering work for many stations in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland.

Just over two years ago, I visited Portugal for a holiday, and liked it, and so began wondering about the possibilities of putting on a station there. For over a year, I made tentative enquiries about the subject and in January 1986, I started making contacts and preparations in a big way. This involved many trips back and forth, legal enquiries, searching for sites, enquiries about the shipping of equipment, frequency monitoring etc., etc.

With the Algarve being one of the world's fastest growing holiday and tourism destinations, my aim was to create a station which would be suitable for both local people and tourists alike. This, of course, meant that programmes had to be in English and Portuguese.

I enlisted the help of D.J. Paul Buick to provide music, and then in June '86,

we had sufficient equipment to begin experimental broadcasts, so, an aerial went up, and we began.

The response was fantastic. Very soon, a large percentage of the radio audience was tuned in to us. One independent survey said it was about 80%.

Thus was born "Solar Radio" in the Algarve. The name was chosen for a number of reasons. People come here for the sunshine and the words 'Solar Radio' do mean the same in English and Portuguese, although the Portuguese prefer to say 'Radio Solar'.

The station is self supporting through commercials and the response to this has been good, although in Winter, economic activity dies off dramatically throughout the Algarve, and we have been feeling the pinch too.

Programmes are presented by Portuguese D.J.'s, who speak Portuguese and English, also by English D.J.'s who are living here, and currently by one Dutch D.J. who presents a Dutch programme each week. We also have some prerecorded programmes from England, each week. People involved in the English side of operations include....Marc Damon, Les 'Mix Doctor' Adams, Dave Collins, Barrie Stone and Mike Knight, also of Radio Jackie fame..

Music policy is a mixture of pop, rock, soul, oldies and some Portuguese and Brazilian music. Speech content includes community information, tourist information, charity promotions and phone-ins.

Operations here, are centred in the town of Albufeira(pronounced AL BOO FAY RAH), in the Vila Magna complex of apartments and shops. We have a reception area and office in a shop unit in the indoor shopping centre. Albufeira is the tourist capital of the Algarve.

We are currently broadcasting to the central part of the Algarve, which contains most of the touristic areas.

At the moment, broadcasts are on 90.5MHz.FM in stereo, although medium wave broadcasting is imminent.

We are, of course, unlicensed, but so far, have had no problems from the authorities. I would like to think that what we are doing here, is of value, but the future is, of course, uncertain. Solar Radio is the first station of it's kind in Portugal. Coverage area stretches from Faro in the East, to Portimao in the West. The station address is Solar - Radio FM 90.5MHz., 55 Centro Comercial, Vila Magna Montechoro, 8200 Albufeira, Algarve, Portugal. Tel. Nos: (office) 010 351 89 54353.....(studio) 010 351 89 54367".

LAND - BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Radio

Merseywaves have excelled themselves this holiday season, and seem to have broadcast around the clock since Friday 19th December, and plan to continue until Monday 5th January. The signal is excellent and programmes too, with plenty of variety noted.

No other stations have been noted at this location, although without a doubt, a number of lower power operations will have been quite active over the festive period. We shall report on these in the next issue, once mail gets back to normal.

LEEDS. The three stations mentioned last week, were once again on the air over the festive season. Music City Radio (MCR), were noted most nights on the slightly higher frequency of 90.4MHz. Their signal has not been as good of late, and has resulted in patchy coverage. ABC-FM have also been noted, but mainly over the weekend, with extensive coverage, on 94.6MHz. The format of both these stations is reggae/soul etc. The normally Sunday only station, Radio Radar, did a special extended 31 hour broadcast, beginning at 14:00, on Saturday. Their signal, on 104.5MHz, was good across the city, and the music played, was more pop orientated, than the previous two stations.

LONDON. It appears that all the activity

forecast recently, failed to come to fruition, although many of the old faithfules made an appearance, along with the odd newcomer. The following stations were reported to us, as operating on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.....CDR on 88.6MHz., TKO on 90.9MHz., KISS FM on 93.9MHz., Solar on 90.3MHz., LWR on 92.1MHz., Time Radio on 103.7MHz., JBC on 104.8MHz. and LGR on 105.1MHz. Additionally, Centre Star was noted, on 90.9MHz., on Christmas Day night, only, with a good quality signal and rock music format. On Boxing Day, the above stations were once again noted, plus DLR on 92.6MHz. Over the weekend, TKO and CDR seem to have disappeared, and Starpoint have not been noted at all over the holiday either. Noted today have been....LWR, KISS FM, Solar, LGR, possibly Twilight on 92.8MHz., Time, JBC and DLR. No medium wave transmissions have been reported, with one exception, a live relay of Radio Caroline was noted on Boxing Day, in the Guildford area, on 1332kHz., with a strong signal.

Over in Essex, the station calling itself **Power 105**, which we reported on last week, is apparently operating from the Basildon/Benfleet area. They were also on the air today, on 105MHz, and Keith King (ex Caroline) was one of the presenters heard. Music was of a pop/soul format, and a phone line was also in use.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL have been active at all times this past week, it is reported, on their usual frequency of about 103.5MHz. Additionally, **U.K.Radio** has been on the air daily over the holiday period, on about 105.2MHz., with a parallel short wave relay noted on Christmas Day. A 4FWS tape was aired yesterday, on this channel, and noted by our reporter at 16:16. **Wrekin Radio** was also heard on Christmas Day, on 103.8MHz.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS...The week's log....

Tuesday 23rd December 1986.

6280kHz...RADIO DEADMAN(via Orion),10:30gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:03gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:12gmt.

Wednesday 24th December 1986.

6206kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:20gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 12:50gmt.
6225kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 12:45gmt.(QSO).
6230kHz...UNID., at 11:00gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:02gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 12:45gmt.(QSO).
6611kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 13:30gmt.(QSO).
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:04gmt.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

6206kHz...DISCOLINE, at 09:03gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 09:05gmt.
6206kHz...C.L.C.G., at 11:45gmt.
6219kHz...UNID., at 11:45gmt.
6220kHz...UNID.(poss. Tonair?), at 10:05gmt.
6224kHz...RADIO ATLANTIS SW, at 13:14gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COM.,10:00gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 10:10gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10:30gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:50gmt.
6280kHz...U.K. Radio, at 13:05gmt.
6285kHz...P.F.B.S., at 12.43gmt.
6288kHz...W.M.R., at 11.06gmt.
6293kHz...P.F.B.S., at 15.38gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 12:10gmt.
6311kHz...W.M.R., at 10:30gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09:59gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:23gmt.
7365kHz...RADIO BENELUX, at 10:40gmt.
7367kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 10:20gmt.
7370kHz...RADIO AQUARIUS, at 11:40gmt.

BOXING DAY.

6206kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 09:00gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 15:03gmt.
6234kHz...B.R.I., at 10:00gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 10:20gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 13:04gmt.
6248kHz...ALT. RADIO VATICAN, at 10.25.
6276kHz...UNID., at 10:25gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:20gmt.
6290kHz...W.M.R., at 11:00gmt.
6300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:20gmt.
6310kHz...W.M.R., at 11:00gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND, at 11:15gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09:15gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:28gmt.

SATURDAY 27th December 1986.

6206kHz...DISCOLINE, at 09:06gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 09.40gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09.29gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:41gmt.

SUNDAY 28th December 1986.

6206kHz...C.L.C.G., at 10:18gmt.
6206kHz...DISCOLINE, at 13:39gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO KRISTEL, at 09.59gmt.
6235kHz...UNID., at 10:40gmt.
6235kHz...B.R.I., at 12:44gmt.
6240kHz...W.M.R., at 13:10gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:34gmt.
6266kHz...UNID.(....b/casting co.), at 11:49.
6266kHz...RADIO DEADMAN, at 11:55gmt.
6270kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 11:51gmt.
6276kHz...UNID.(Normaal?), at 10:10gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:48gmt.
6285kHz...UNID., at 12:20gmt.
6293kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 10:03gmt.
6298kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE, at 11:02gmt.
6303kHz...Live relay of Laser 576, at 10:59gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND, at 10:02gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09:52gmt.
6339kHz...RADIO EUROPA INT., at 10:15gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:28gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO SHETLAND INT., at 11:40gmt.

Conditions today were not terribly good at all, although English stations seemed the strongest ones. Logs in **bold** type are ours, here in Blackpool, ones in normal type have been rung in (0253) 882017 by various loggers scattered throughout the country.

Europa Int. were making their first broadcast, and gave out an address of E.I., P.O. Box SH9, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1AQ.

On Friday, WMR announced 98FM locally. FMTR announced programmes from 22:00 New Year's Eve, until 13:00 on New Year's Day.

That mammoth selection ends another year of SW logs in which we have seen the weekly log go from a mere handful to occasionally dozens.

Lets hope for a continued improvement in conditions. See you all then.

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